## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-95. (Canceled).

- 96. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the allergenicity of a food comprising, nuts comprising[[:]] treating the food comprising said nuts with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for a sufficient time to reduce the allergenicity of nut antigens at least about 10-fold; wherein nut allergens—as measured using radioimmunoassayradioimmunoassays (RIA) orand enzyme-linked immunosorbent assayassays (ELISA) are decreased at least about 10-fold after treatment.
- 97. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 96, wherein the allergenicity of said nut allergens are is decreased at least about 100-fold after treatment.
- 98. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 96 wherein said nuts are walnuts or pecans.
- 99. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 96, wherein said nuts have been sliced, diced, chopped, powdered, liquefied, or are in the form of a paste.
- 100. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 98, wherein said nuts have been sliced, diced, chopped, powdered, liquefied, or are in the form of a paste.
  - 101. (Canceled)
- 102. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 98, wherein said super critical fluid is liquid carbon dioxide and said critical liquid gas is liquid nitrogen.

- 103. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 96, further comprising the defatting of said food.
- 104. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the allergenicity of food containing egg allergens, comprising[[:]] treating the food comprising said eggs with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for a sufficient time to reduce the allergenicity of the egg allergens.
- 105. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 104, wherein said food is powdered eggs.
- 106. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 104, wherein said super critical fluid is liquid carbon dioxide and said critical liquid gas is liquid nitrogen.
- 107. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the allergenicity of <u>undissolved</u> milk allergens comprising,[[:]] treating milk with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas <u>for a sufficient</u> time to reduce the allergenicity of the milk antigens.
- 108. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 107, wherein said milk is defatted.
- 109. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 107, wherein said milk is powdered.
- 110. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 107, wherein said super critical fluid is liquid carbon dioxide and said critical liquid gas is liquid nitrogen.

- 111. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the allergenicity of vaccine components from plant, animal, bacterial, fungal, or viral sources, comprising[[:]] treating vaccine components with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for a sufficient time to reduce the allergenicity of the vaccine components.
- 112. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 111, wherein said super critical fluid is liquid carbon dioxide and said critical liquid gas is liquid nitrogen.
- 113. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 96, further comprising assaying for the allergen content of said food using <u>radioimmunoassay</u>radioimmunoassays (RIA) and enzyme-linked immunosorbent <u>assayassays</u> (ELISA).
- 114. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 104, further comprising assaying for the allergen content of said food using <u>radioimmunoassay</u>radioimmunoassays (RIA) and enzymelinked immunosorbent <u>assayassays</u> (ELISA).
- 115. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 107, further comprising assaying for the allergen content of said milk using <u>radioimmunoassay</u>radioimmunoassays (RIA) and enzymelinked immunosorbent <u>assayassays</u> (ELISA) <u>after treatment of the milk with supercritical fluid or critical liquid gas</u>.
- 116. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 111, further comprising assaying for the allergen content of said vaccine using <u>radioimmunoassay</u> (RIA) and enzyme-linked immunosorbent <u>assayassays</u> (ELISA).
- 117. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 111, wherein said vaccine components contain egg allergens.

- 118. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the allergenicity of [[:]] grains containing gluten and gliadin or gluten, comprising [[:]] treating said grains or said gluten with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for a sufficient time to reduce the allergenicity of said grains.
- 119. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 118, wherein said super critical fluid is liquid carbon dioxide and said critical liquid gas is liquid nitrogen.
- 120. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 118, further comprising assaying for the allergen content of said food using <u>radioimmunoassay</u>radioimmunoassays (RIA) and enzyme-linked immunosorbent <u>assayassays</u> (ELISA).
- 121. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the allergenicity of super allergens, [[:]] comprising[[:]] treating said super allergens with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for a sufficient time to reduce the allergenicity of said super allergens.
- 122. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super critical fluid is liquid carbon dioxide and said critical liquid gas is liquid nitrogen.
- 123. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergen is tree nuts.
- 124. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergen is lobster.
- 125. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergen is shrimp.
- 126. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergen is peanut.

- 127. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the allergenicity of milk, comprising the steps of:
  - a) heating milk at about 150°F for about 20 minutes;
  - b) evaporating said milk; and
  - c) treating said evaporated milk with a super critical fluid or critical liquid gas <u>for</u> a sufficient time to reduce the allergenicity of the milk.
- 128. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 127, further comprising the step of producing a fine particle milk powder subsequent to the evaporation of said milk.

- 129. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 127, wherein said milk is skim milk.
- 130. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 128, wherein said milk is skim milk.
  - 131. (Currently amended) A product produced according to the method of claim 121.
- 132. (Previously presented) A product produced according to the method of claim 127, wherein said product exhibits reduced binding to IgE as compared to untreated milk.
- 133. (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein the food comprising nuts reaches a temperature of -320 °F.
- 134. (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein the food comprising nuts is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.
- 135. (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein the food comprising nuts is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 136. (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein the food comprising nuts is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.
- 137. (New) The method according to claim 104, wherein the food containing egg allergens reaches a temperature of -320  $^{\circ}$ F.
- 138. (New) The method according to claim 104, wherein the food containing egg allergens is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.

- 139. (New) The method according to claim 104, wherein the food containing egg allergens is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 140. (New) The method according to claim 104, wherein the food containing egg allergens is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.
- 141. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein the milk reaches a temperature of -320 °F.
- 142. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein the milk is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.
- 143. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein the milk is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 144. (New) The method according to claim 107, wherein the milk is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.
- 145. (New) The method according to claim 111, wherein the vaccine components reach a temperature of -320 °F.
- 146. (New) The method according to claim 111, wherein the vaccine components are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.
- 147. (New) The method according to claim 111, wherein the vaccine components are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 148. (New) The method according to claim 111, wherein the vaccine components are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.

- 149. (New) The method according to claim 118, wherein said grains reach a temperature of -320 °F.
- 150. (New) The method according to claim 118, wherein said grains are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.
- 151. (New) The method according to claim 118, wherein said grains are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 152. (New) The method according to claim 118, wherein said grains are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.
- 153. (New) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergens reach a temperature of -320 °F.
- 154. (New) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergens are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.
- 155. (New) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergens are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 156. (New) The method according to claim 121, wherein said super allergens are treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.
- 157. (New) The method according to claim 127, wherein the milk reaches a temperature of -320 °F.
- 158. (New) The method according to claim 127, wherein the milk is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 10 minutes.

- 159. (New) The method according to claim 127, wherein the milk is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for 15-30 minutes.
- 160. (New) The method according to claim 127, wherein the milk is treated with super critical fluid or critical liquid gas for more than 30 minutes.
  - 161. (New) A product produced according to the method of claim 96.
  - 162. (New) A product produced according to the method of claim 104.
  - 163. (New) A product produced according to the method of claim 107.
  - 164. (New) A product produced according to the method of claim 111.
  - 165. (New) A product produced according to the method of claim 118.